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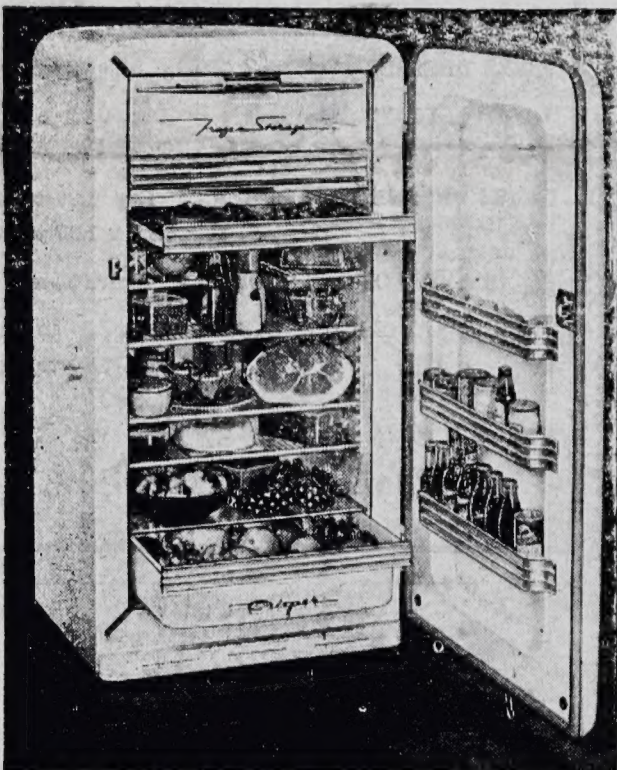
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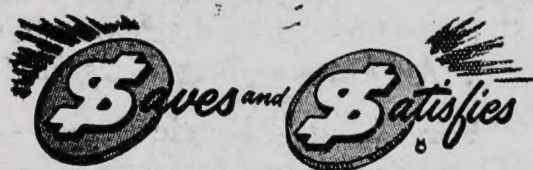
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CHAPTER IX

Changes in Living Conditions

The changes in the mode of living has not been greatly different in the area which is now known as the Provisional County of Haliburton from those in the older parts of Ontario. The chief difference is in the rate of change. The changes which occurred in Old Ontario in one hundred and seventy years has been telescoped in the case of Haliburton into about a century or even less.

During the early years there were few roads. In large areas there were none. Supplies had to be carried through the bush on men's backs or by canoe or boat on waterways. At best there were trails and bridle paths. For years even the roads were hardly better than trails, over which travel was extremely slow except in winter when the snow obliterated the worst of the inequalities of the ground. Gradually, as the southern townships were surveyed, roads were improved and trails became roads. All the roads, however, were very narrow and ran "up hill and down dale" with many twists and turns. They were very much like roller coasters but were adequate as long as oxen and horses supplied the transportation. When the automobile came in, and particularly when Haliburton began to develop as a summer country, the roads became inadequate and even dangerous. To some extent these township roads have been widened, rocks removed from the used part of the right of way, bends at right angles changed into curves and bumps reduced. Still automobile trips on them are picturesque rather than comfortable. Now many parts of the County can be reached by excellent provincial highways which not only serve such centers of population as Minden, Haliburton, Dorset, Eagle Lake but afford ready access by side roads to many beautiful lakes for residents of such cities as Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Galt, Kitchener, Kingston, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Rochester and many other cities and towns.

In the early days many farms had flocks of sheep. These were sheared and the wool cleaned, carded, spun and woven on the farm. Often the homespun was made into suits on the farm. Blankets and rugs were home made. Some farmers were professional weavers and wove cloth for their neighbors. The products of these domestic looms were stiff and coarse by modern standards but were warm.

The house lighting was by candles and later by coal oil lamps. The latter is still the only form of lighting in many localities. When the Village of Haliburton built its own power plant and installed its own electric light system in 1928, the age of electricity had come to Haliburton County. Now the Hydro has many miles of line and many villages, hamlets, summer hotels and lodges are lighted by electricity. The Hydro lines are being steadily extended to serve the diminishing farm population and the rapidly increasing summer population.

At first all houses and barns were of log construction. Some of these are still in use but most have been replaced by frame buildings as the products of the numerous saw mills and planing mills became available.

The mills at first were comparatively large, but, as the forests receded, the limits became smaller. At present some mills produce only veneering. With scientific reforestation and forest management, the era of large lumbering operations may return.

The universal draft animal at first was the ox. Ox teams alone could cope with the rough conditions of clearing the hilly and often stony ground. Gradually the ox disappeared and the horse took its place. Today carriages and wagons are rarely seen. They have been superseded by the automobile and the truck. Even the hay crop is often taken into the barns by truck.

The coming of the telephone was a great event in those municipalities of Haliburton which established their own companies. Just how recent this is shown by the fact that the first telephone pole

in Haliburton Village was erected in 1921.

The changes in education are very noticeable. At first there were no schools but hie little one room schools soon appeared everywhere. They provided the only education for many years. Now there are continuation schools and even one high school area. Large school areas for elementary education have been established and a county collegiate has been projected.

Many one room schools have been closed for lack of a sufficient number of pupils; but most of the pupils in such districts in larger centres of population, are transported to a central school or central schools serving large school areas.

There has always been a deep interest in religion among the people in the Haliburton district. The early churches were log, but now there are many substantial church buildings of frame or brick construction. For example Haliburton Village has seven places of worship — Anglican; United; Baptist; Salvation Army; Roman Catholic (open in the summer months) Pentecostal and Jehovah's Witness. As the population of Dysart township in 1949 was 1583 and that of the municipality of Dysart et al 2691, it would seem that there is enough denominational variety in the locality even if it does not surpass other centres in religion.

Minden Village has two churches — the Anglican Church and the United Church. Ingoldsbay has two church buildings — United Church and Baptist (recently sold). In Wilberforce there is an Anglican Church. In the rest of the settled parts of the County church services are held at least in the summer months.

There has been, as in the rest of Canada, a softening of denominational differences. It is said that at one time, in one locality, intending Roman Catholic settlers were asked to leave, which they did. While Roman Catholics are not at present numerous among all the year round population, an increasing number visit Haliburton County in the summer and are of course very welcome at all tourist resorts. It is to be hoped that greater regular provision for Roman Catholic services will be made in this summer playground which is open to all people in North America.

In amusements there has been a very great change. In the early days house warmings, barn raising bees, spelling bees, church socials, and country dances supplied most of the fun and relaxation. A dramatic club flourished for some years in Haliburton Village and was somewhat widely known. A cricket club also had more than local reputation. For the most part people made their own fun. It was not costly in money but was no less satisfying. Now most of the entertainment is passive or limited to the few. There are golf courses in the vicinities of Minden, Haliburton and West Guilford. Both the villages of Minden and Haliburton have motion picture houses. There are hockey clubs in these and other centres in the County. Haliburton has facilities for skating. The radio, whether battery or connected with the Hydro, has done much to brighten the lives of the inhabitants in the long, cold winter months.

There were of course no banks in 1849. Now there is a branch of the Bank of Commerce in Minden and the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton. In the early days trading was mostly in cash or kind.

If an early settler of say 1849 could return to the scene of his earthly activities, he would be bewildered by what he would see and hear in 1952. A century from now the changes may be as great. There may again be huge stands of timber, and the forest lands may not be exploited but cropped. The fish and game population may become even greater than in 1849. The lakes in all parts of the County may be surrounded by summer cottages and summer hotels. Winter sports may be developed out of all recognition and Haliburton may become not only a summer resort but a winter resort. There may be fewer farms, but what there are will be prosperous, catering to the needs of flourishing tourist and lumber industries.

HALIBURTON

Mr. Bob Hart who is employed in Toronto spent the week end in the village.

Mr. Hugh Graham of the Canada Dry Co. at Bracebridge spent the week end in the village.

Mr. Norm Rowlinson of Rouyn spent the week end with friends in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Waterfall of Stirling spent a few days holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Preston in Haliburton.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Snider of Toronto are holidaying in Haliburton.

Miss Mary Strangways of Toronto spent the week end with friends in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yarnold spent the week end with relatives in the village.

Miss Valerie Iles who is employed with the Bell Telephone Co. at Toronto spent the week end at her home here.

Miss Eleanor Strangways of Toronto was a week end visitor to the Highlands.

Mr. John Winn of Lindsay was a week end visitor to Haliburton.

Mr. Harold Moore of Toronto was a visitor to Haliburton last week.

Mr. A. Milley who was with the Salvation Army in Haliburton a couple of years ago spent the week end with friends in Haliburton.

Mr. Sonny Smeaton of Niagara Falls was a visitor to Haliburton over the week end.

Mr. Red Mitchell the Recreation Director in Lindsay was a business visitor to the village last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hearn of Orangeville are at present vacationing at Austin's cottages on Black Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen McEvoy of Trenton visited with friends in Haliburton last week.

Mr. Bob Johnston of Stouffville was a visitor to Haliburton.

Mr. Frank Barjarow who is employed with the CNR at Lindsay spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberts of Toronto spent the week end with relatives in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irish of Haliburton were holiday visitors to Toronto last week.

Mr. Glen Blair who is employed with the Bridge and Builders at Foxboro spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. Al Amory of Toronto was a holiday visitor to Haliburton over the week end.

Mr. David Clee of Toronto spent the week end with friends in the village.

Mr. G. H. Thayer who has been attending school in Toronto has returned home for the remainder of the summer holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Phillips of Peterboro spent the week end with relatives in the village.

Shorty Robinson of Toronto and the Goodyear Rubber Co. salesman was a business visitor to Haliburton last week.

Mr. Bruce Gold of Uxbridge was a business visitor to Haliburton last Thursday.

Mr. A. G. Schofield who has been away on a vacation has returned to Haliburton.

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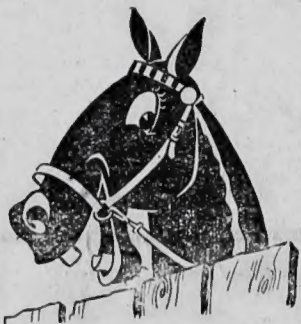
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The complicated and delicate negotiations which have been proceeding for some time between Jewish representatives and spokesmen for western Germany will in all probability result in the return to Jews of some of the assets which the Nazis confiscated during their regime, said Saul Hayes, national executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress who has just returned from several weeks of sessions in London, England and the Continent. Mr. Hayes represented Samuel Bronfman and Michael Garber, Q.C., the Canadians on the executive and the policy committees of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

"There are still a number of questions to be agreed upon between Jewish representatives and the Bonn authorities. Later the West German Parliament will have to act on the agreement. However, there are grounds for believing that the major objectives of the negotiations will be attained in large part," said Mr. Hayes. There has been tentative agreement upon the sum of \$715,000,00 payable in goods to Israel over something more than a decade towards defraying the cost of rehabilitating the Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who have come to Israel. In addition, a further sum, also in goods, will be paid by the Germans to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims towards the relief and the rehabilitation of victims of German persecution outside Israel.

The conferees also negotiated on the provisions made by the Federal Republic of Germany for indemnification of the victims of Nazi persecution. Legislation to this effect already exists in certain areas of Germany but it is now proposed that such legislation be extended to the whole of the territory of the German Federal Republic which will provide adequate funds for the satisfaction of these claims. This legislation will extend the categories of persons who will be eligible for such indemnification.

**Rotary Parade
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Many of the visitors to the Haliburton Rotary Carnival were surprised to see a village the size of Haliburton with such a great parade. As C. W. Hodgson, M.P. for Haliburton and Victoria said in his opening speech on Thursday night that it was one of the best Rotary parades between here and Toronto. And this is something for all of us to be proud of. But back of it all has been a lot of hard work by the Haliburton Rotarians who have built up an annual parade that is hard to beat anywhere in Ontario. Each year the Haliburton Rotary Club strive to have something just a little bit better and now they are sitting in the drivers seat with a parade equal to none.

Right now the Rotary Club are working on next years show. To the newcomers and those who witnessed the parade for the first time they were delighted to see such a long parade. According to some the parade was over a mile long.

Rotarian Lester Walling along with the other members who helped the parade to get underway are to be congratulated.

The Family Album

We got the family album out to while an hour away. Most records in the album were of some auspicious day.

The day my mother married dad. In such a lovely gown. The picture in the album shows The sweetest girl in town.

And there's the picture of my dad Who bought the general store. How cute he looks with his moustache, Standing beside the door.

This is my eldest sister Sue In her first evening dress. The bashful fellow standing near Is her first beau I guess.

And this is our small baby, When he was three months old. Mom kept the little sweater on So he would not take cold.

Just look at me! how funny, I'm skinny as a rail. My dress is down below my knees. My hair in one pig tail.

This next picture I will show you Is one of Uncle Joe, I don't remember him so well. He went West so long ago.

And here's my oldest brother Bob The one who went to war. He gave his life that we might live In peace for ever more.

But now I must not bore you, Let's put the book away, We'll get it out some other time, We've had enough today.

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The Turk Broda All Stars are well known throughout Canada playing ball games in many different spots. The club is packed with National Hockey League stars and some good amateur players from the Junior A League.

This is your opportunity to come to the ball park and see your favourite big league hockey stars on the ball diamond. The Haliburton Branch of the Canadian Legion have gone to considerable trouble and expense to bring this club to Haliburton. They were also quite fortunate to have a club of this calibre to come to the Highlands.

The Haliburton Combines will have the best team they can field for this all important engagement. You can rest assured that it will be a great game and one that you won't want to miss.

Yes let's all remember to get down in our memo book that Turk Broda and his All Star Ball Club will be in Haliburton on Monday August 25th to play the Haliburton Combines.

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Written At The Haliburton
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Hilda Clarke, His. 2nd; Trig. C;
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Wes Otto Encounters Puff Adder

While making his regular run on his mail route Mr. Wesley Otto, the local mail man encountered a large puff adder on the road between Minden and Gelert. The puff adder was right in the centre of the road. He immediately jumped out of his truck and killed it with the use of a large stick.

Big Bear At Dump

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Engagement

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HALIBURTON

Miss Lois Robertson who has been attending summer school in Toronto has left for a trip to the West Coast.

Mr. Don Barrett, the Peterboro Automotive Salesman, was a business visitor to the village on Monday.

Mr. Charles Purdy was a holiday visitor to the village on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Dave Davidson of Ajax are holidaying with relatives in the village.

The Haliburton LOL and LOBA attended the Derry Day celebration at Bancroft on Saturday last.

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Since the hitters caught up with Joe Page of the Yankees and Jim Konstanty of the Phillies there hasn't been a relief pitcher around the big leagues to dominate that specialized field and yet this pair did such a magnificent job as relievers that a lot of kids wanted to be relief pitchers when they grew up.

Ray Shore of the Toronto Maple Leafs head the relievers in the minors today almost as completely as Page and Konstanty did the majors a few years back. One wonders, in the dearth of these big time specialists, why Shore hasn't been given a shot, particularly since Konstanty and Page proved the job a vital one.

Among those who wonder about it is Ray Shore, who saved two of Toronto's most vital games of the season last week end in Baltimore. The second of these marked his 45th mound appearance and since August has barely begun, he is certain to top the 55 appearances he made in each of the last two seasons.

Shore had a look with the St. Louis Browns in the late '40's and then they shipped him to Baltimore where he made 55 showings in 1950 as the Birds finished a startling second in the IL and went to the Little World Series. When the Browns shipped their affiliation from Baltimore to Toronto last season Shore was optioned to the Leafs and he was outstanding in 55 more appearances for Joe Becker. His record was 10 and 8 with the fifth placers.

Ray, six foot three and 220 pounds, talked about the by pass he got last winter when the Leafs assembled for spring training at Fort Lauderdale last March. He was standing behind the batting cage watching the hitters when the subject came up.

"I thought I might have got another look," said the big, blonde, personable fellow, "so I didn't play winter ball in Cuba as I'd done a year ago. After 110 games in two seasons plus a winter in Cuba, I figured I'd better rest my arm just in case I was drafted or sold or something."

"But nothing happened. Sure, I'm happy here but naturally the big leagues represent the top. That's where you get the biggest money and the fattest steaks. But you got me what a guy has to do to get there."

Shore was asked what a reliever has to have. He pondered the question a moment and then he shook his head.

"I honestly don't know — specifically," he said. "You always go in in a tough spot and it's your job to get 'em out. The crowd is always roaring when you go out."

Speaking Of Sports

Max Boice, manager of the Haliburton Combines, is getting his team in top notch form for the playoffs in the Ontario Rural Softball Association. With two wins over the RCAF Radar Team the Combines are riding high and it looks as if there's nothing in the County that can touch them. The Combines have been without a loss for some time now and are still looking for more teams to play. It is expected that word will come in very soon as to what team the Combines will meet in the first round. The win over King two weeks ago in the Haliburton Community Park shows that the Haliburton team are not out of their class. This King Club put Eagle Lake out of the Ontario Rural Softball playdowns two seasons. They looked just as good when they played the Haliburton nine but were not good enough for the Boice and Co. Combines. If the pitching holds up the Combines will be on their way to the first softball championship. In speaking with the manager he tells us that his club are still open for exhibition games and invite any club in the County or out for a home and home series. The Combines hope to have a good team from Lindsay in the very near future. It is expected that this team will be Carruthers Drug Club who are playing in the Lindsay League.

While writing this column we were thinking of championships in all sports, and believe it or not Haliburton, the great sport village that it is, have never had a championship in any type of sports. Minden, they have a hockey championship to chalk up in the ORHA and were very close to one in the OHA last winter. Haliburton have been so close to a hockey championship that it isn't even funny but never reached their goal. In softball they haven't even been close.

In speaking with our good friends Jack Dell of Oshawa he tells

there in the tough ones on the road so you soon get used to that and it doesn't bother you. I don't try to strike 'em out particularly I'd be just as happy if they fled out on the first pitch. I guess what you try to do is permit the hitter as small a piece of the ball as possible.

Ray relies almost entirely on his fastball. He just rares back and fires. He can tell if he's got his stuff, too.

"If my fast one is moving I know I'm all right," he remarked. "Sometimes, though, it's straight as a string and then I know there's a little hop on it and I get the hitters swinging under the ball."

Possibly the high spot of his season came in that five game set with Baltimore in Maryland last week. The Orioles were 5½ games out of the first division behind the Leafs and had been moving up from the dregs of the second division. They were primed to sweep five games and roar the rest of the way to the playoffs.

For an opener, they teed off on Johnny Hetki 8 to 2. Then Kent Peterson nosed out Shore 2 to 1 in two extra innings of a double header opener, big Ray having gone five innings in relief of Hal Hudson.

But Red Fahr seemed to have steadied things. He had the Orioles on his hip 5 to 2 in the second game's eighth innings and then suddenly the roof fell in. Two singles and an error loaded the bases with none out and another single produced two runs.

Shore, with a couple of hours rest from the first game, came on again. He walked a man to load the bases. The Orioles were flying high. Then big Ray steadied away. He retired six men in order, the last two on strikeouts, to subdue the Birds completely in the eighth and ninth and preserve Fahr's 5-4 victory.

And then, with Baltimore taking the fourth game 5-3, the Leafs took them 4 to 4 into the windup games eighth inning. An Oriole victory here would slice the Leaf lead to 2½ games. The Leafs loaded the bases in the eighth but Marv Rickert and Lew Morton struck out in the clutch. But in between Charlie White drew a walk to force across the tie breaking run and in the ninth they added three more on homers by Pete Pavlick and Billy Demars to get ahead 8 to 4.

What's that got to do with Shore? Only this. Vic Lombardi, with two hit in the Oriole ninth, fired. He gave two singles and had thrown two bad pitches to Russ Kerns, who was three for three on the afternoon.

That's when Burlleigh Grimes pulled for Shore. The Orioles had a fire going that could energize them. Ray threw two pitches. The first was a called strike. The second was popped up by Kerns to Eddie Stevens and the fire was out.

us that he is considering bringing a hardball club to Haliburton to take on the Haliburton Blue Sox. He was talking to Recreation Director Herb Baker who said that he would be glad to book this contest. For the Haliburton Hardball Team all hasn't been rosy this summer. They have only played two games. One with Woodville and the other with a club from Lindsay. Herb Baker has tried very hard to get a team in but all the hardball clubs seem to be tied up in a league of their own. But the summer is still young yet and maybe some of the summer resorts will have a ball club to play the Blue Sox. There seems to be plenty of softball clubs in the district but very few hardball teams.

We see were Jack Kent Cooke owner of the Toronto Ball Club has been bringing the crowds out to the games with special prize nights. Would this not be an idea to scare up a little enthusiasm in Haliburton. Let's write this down in our little book for future reference. The crowds lately at the ball games have been very good but with the brand of ball being played the locals deserve better turnout at the gate.

Here And There—

Oshawa may send up a juvenile softball club to play the Haliburton team. Bill Crofts is the main stay on the Haliburton Combines pitching staff. Stand by for the next announcement of the Haliburton Blue Sox game at the Haliburton Community Park. The Haliburton Wolves have had a lay-off the last couple of days but hope to be back in harness sometime this week. The Peterboro lacrosse team are starting to move up in the OLA. The Brooklyn Dodgers look like the team to win the pennant and the world series. Once again they are starting to pull well out in front of their closest rivals the New York Giants. It is rumored that the Haliburton Combines will play some exhibition games with some of the teams from the I. B. & O. District.

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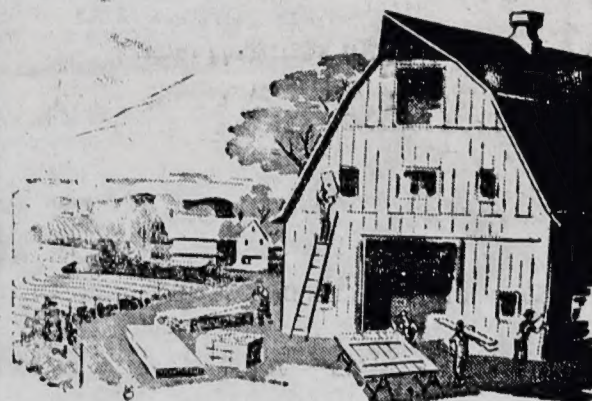
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